

OPINION 1682

Plusia falcifera Kirby, 1837 (currently *Anagrapha falcifera*; Insecta, Lepidoptera): specific name conserved

Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *norma* Hübner, [1821], as published in the binomen *Autographa norma*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The name *falcifera* Kirby, 1837, as published in the binomen *Plusia falcifera*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

(3) The name *norma* Hübner, [1821], as published in the binomen *Autographa norma* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

History of Case 2748

An application for the conservation of the specific name of *Plusia falcifera* Kirby, 1837 was received from Drs J. Donald Lafontaine (*Biosystematics Research Centre, Agriculture Canada, Ottawa, Canada*) and Robert W. Poole (*Systematic Entomology Laboratory, c/o National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.*) on 13 November 1989. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 48: 41–42 (March 1991). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals. No comments were received.

Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1991 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 48: 42. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1992 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 26: Bayer, Bock, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Dupuis, Hahn, Halvorsen, Heppell, Holthuis, Kabata, Kraus, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Ride, Schuster, Starobogatov, Štys, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 2: Bouchet and Lehtinen.

No vote was received from Savage.

Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

falcifera, *Plusia*, Kirby, 1837, in Richardson, J. (Ed.), *Fauna Boreali-Americana*, part 4 (The insects), p. 308.

norma, *Autographa*, Hübner, [1821], *Verzeichniss bekannter Schmettlinge*, p. 251.